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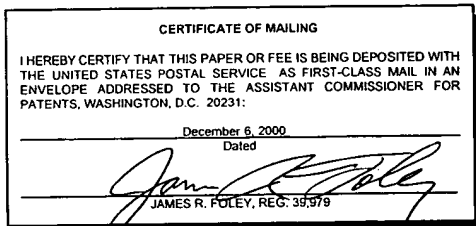
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449. The listed references include U.S. Patent Nos. 5,806,993 (Petterutti et al.) and 6,028,853 (Haartsen).

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